

Page 3, line 24, delete "said".

Page 4, before line 1, insert the following heading:

--Summary of the Invention--.

Page 6, between lines 25 and 26, insert the following heading:

--Brief Description of the Drawings--.

Page 7, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following heading:

--Detailed Description--.

Add the following Abstract:

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The invention concerns a method for exchanging synchronised messages between an application server and at least a chip card. The card transmits a message to the server containing the latest current value of an action counter stored by the server. The server sends a message comprising a request including one or several actions to be implemented by the card and stores the number of actions of the request. The card receives the message, successively executes the action or actions in the request, incrementing its action counter between each action when the action has been successfully executed. When there is a request for a transaction by the card, the server compares the received action counter value with the latest value stored, incremented by the number of actions contained in the previous request for actions and, operates on the basis of this comparison.